

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant hereby elects group 1, namely original Claims 1-21 and 27-31 and amended Claims 22-26. Amended independent Claim 22 now contains the limitations of Claim 1 and is thus part of group 1. Dependent Claims 23-26 likewise are now also part of group 1.

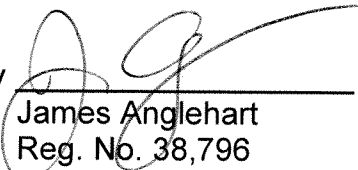
Claims 1, 15 and 27 have been amended to remove paragraph numbering.

Applicants look forward to receiving an Action on the merits in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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